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## FRIENDSHIP AND VOTING.

Has friendship any real place in choosing five men who shall begin to work out for the good of Richmond the new form of city government to be tried in the Administrative Board? Are pledges given months ago to vote for a certain candidate because of some personal relationship to him, to be held binding now that the entire community is aroused to the importance of this experiment, and to the necessity of deciding its personnel on the basis of efficiency?

Certainly the unselfish friendship of one man to another in whom he finds sympathy, fellow-feeling, similar tastes and ideas is one of the loftiest of human ties. The same resonance of spirit that knits men together and helps to lighten the cares and loneliness that burden him, has in it something divine. It would be a sad day for any human society in which this feeling was sacrificed to ignoble ends. In Virginia perhaps more than almost anywhere else in the world is friendship a guiding sentiment, full of power for good, and founded on the deepest and worthiest emotions. No one would think of making light of such ties.

But is that the high type of friendship that asks a vote just because the candidate and the voter happen to be congenial intimates? We think not. Friendship is a personal and individual relationship. It cannot justly extend into the field of social acts. A friend can rightfully give to another what ever he deems fitting of money, place, or companionship of his own. But can he help to give him a place of power and prestige of which the price will have to be paid by the entire community? Friendship on the high plane does not lower itself to help another to political office when the aspirant does not possess the ability, experience and training needed for the proper exercise of the office. The true affection of friends is based on worth. One man does not recommend for a \$5,000 position a man who he knows has never made more than \$2,000 by his own talents. If he does he is making the whole people pay his debt of friendship.

If a voter casts his ballot for a man he knows is not fitted for the place, he betrays what he chooses to dignify by the fine name of friendship. If he votes for a man because he expects some return of one kind or another, then the name of friendship is really used for such a transaction. However, if a man votes for his friend knowing that he himself will be injured by the inefficiency of this man in office, he does the same thing as if he gave the friend something undeserved from his own wealth. Any right feeling candidate should not ask such favors of friendship.

Friendship is a fine thing. But there is much not talked in its name. For beyond the personal bond of friendship is the more important brotherhood that exists between men just as men. The common good of all is more vital than the payment of personal debts out of the common purse. If all the candidates are equally worthy then let friendship decide the lot. If they are not, let the test be one of efficiency and service.

## A SIGNIFICANT ALLIANCE.

Following the news of massacres by Turkish or Ottoman Christian subjects in territory adjacent to the frontiers of Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, and of the popular demonstrations in Sofia and Belgrade in demand that the Bulgarian and the Serbian governments declare war in Turkey, is the announcement that an "alliance" has been consummated between Serbia and Bulgaria. Under it Bulgaria and the Serbs, it is stated, bind themselves to make common cause in Slavic interests. Naturally the question arises as to the massacres and the demonstrations, and the signing of the treaty purely coincidental? The question derives additional pertinency from the admitted fact, which we noted a few days ago, that in the Turkish provinces which have been the scenes of the outbreaks, revolutionary committees, inspired from the outside—especially Bulgaria—have recently been exceedingly active.

Equally natural, entirely logical, in truth, is the inference, against the suggestion of coincidence and in favor of close relation and of the treaty and the massacres and the revolts incited by the latter, standing largely in the relation of cause and effect. An independent Pan-Slavic confederation has long been a dream of many of the Slavic peoples of Southeast Europe. The two chief reasons why a concerted movement to materialize thereof has not been made before have been jealousy as to the hegemony, and the aspirations of Russia and Austria-Hungary to gain the place for herself by force or otherwise, recognizing the patron or protection of Slavism. The Serbo-Bulgarian alliance would seem to be a significant step towards removing the first obstacle, or, at least, rendering it a secondary consideration, holding it in abeyance, and leaving the determination of the issue to the developments, wisdom and necessities of the future.

Moreover, it may have an important bearing on the second, since in spirit, if not in terms, it is a declaration of independence of the patronage of either Russia or the dual monarchy. In itself the treaty unites 7,000,000 Slavs as a nucleus of attraction of several millions more from provinces in the Balkan peninsula overladen by allans. What with Turkey involved in war with Italy, and torn by internal political dissension, formidable insurrection in Albania, the Montenegrin army virtually demanding that it be led across the border; the sympathy of Roumania and Rumania with Bulgaria, the intense recrudescence of Macedonian unrest, theirk of the Austria-Hungarian yoke in Bosnia and Herzegovina, conditions could hardly be riper for pressing the federation proposition to a practical venture. Apparently all that is necessary to that end is a competent and trusted leader able to rally the disaffected Slavic subject units upon the organized fighting men Bulgaria and Serbia can furnish.

It is reported that the Serbo-Bulgarian alliance is taken very seriously in some of the European chancelleries, and well it may be. Unquestionably it injects into the nearer East complication another factor which may be fraught with tremendous possibilities in bringing matters to a head there, through the precipitation of a general upheaval and a welter of blood.

## WHAT ABOUT "THE GULF"?

In a good many Virginia households a paramount question right now is, "What shall we do with 'the boy' next year?" The boy, in this case, is the youth of eighteen who has finished the high school. Parents are puzzling over what school will give him the best education and how the ends may be made to meet for preparing him for the future. We wonder if any of them ever ask themselves the equally pertinent and equally just question, "What shall we do with 'the girl'?" In a modern age one is exactly the same importance as the other. The girl ought to have every opportunity for realizing her opportunities and fitting her mind and body for a happy, useful and well-rounded life.

In no State in the land is education more highly prized than in Virginia. No sacrifice is too great for city folks or country folks to make that sons may be trained for honorable service in the professions, and to become cultured, broad-minded gentlemen. But that women can be trained, and should be trained for equally great and honorable services in their own spheres does not yet seem to be a vital part of our social creed. In Richmond, for example, the High School graduates, perhaps three times as many girls as boys, yet how many of this number ever pursue their education further than a trifle of music or distant art? What opening have these potential wives and mothers for their energies and aspirations? They drift along as dependents or in the light pleasure of social life until they are married. Even those who have to support themselves are forced into poorly paid and monotonous employments, where their real talents are never utilized. Some higher training would be an economic relief to this class of women, if to no other.

Education for women no longer implies a spectacle, cold, unfeminine being, unsexed, and spoiled for the great duties of life. It means peace, health, culture, the possibility of true companionship with educated high-bred, and a happy realization of all latent powers. Virginia has within its borders fine institutions for educating women. But they are too costly for great numbers who desire such advantages. The postponement of the establishment of a woman's college may have been a wise move on the part of the last Legislature, but it leaves still unsettled the problem of what to do with the girl so that she may add her efforts to the service of the entire people.

## MUNICIPAL AUTONOMY.

A municipal declaration of independence will probably be written into law in Ohio next week. It takes the shape of an amendment to the State constitution establishing home rule for municipalities. It will substitute local self-government for supervision by the State. It is based on the proposition that it is wiser and fairer for a State to permit local communities to deal with their own affairs in their own way, as far as is compatible with a general unity of purpose throughout the State. The principle recognized is ancient, but it has too often been violated by legislative bodies under sinister influences. If a city is capable of attending to its own business, why should the State let it alone?

The effect of the amendment in Ohio will be to make it possible for any municipality to adopt a form of government to suit its own needs, without having to secure the permission of a legislative body totally ignorant of the issues involved. Under the present system, the cities of Ohio, like those of Virginia, are barred from the privilege of making experiments in municipal government. They are held fast by the rule of uniformity. Cleveland cannot have, without a fight, anything Cincinnati does not want, just as Richmond could not get without struggle what another Virginia city did not desire. The Ohio amendment cuts out red tape and permits municipal governments to change their form of government at any time, instead of having

to wait to go their weary way through the legislative mill. The system under the proposed amendment in Ohio is that if ten per cent of the voters of any municipality desire to adopt a new form of government—the commission form, for example—they may petition the city council, which must then submit to the electorate at a special or general election the question "shall a commission be chosen to frame a charter?" Or, without such a petition, the council, by a two-thirds vote, might submit the issue to the people. In any case, on the same ballot with the question provision is made for choosing fifteen electors who, if the project passes, become the charter-framing body. The nomination of the fifteen would be subject to the general election laws. The charter framed by the fifteen would be submitted for a majority in referendum or rejection. There is another mode, in that the legislature may draft a form of government which the cities may adopt at their discretion. Cities satisfied with their old form of government would not be disturbed, and yet their content with the ancient form would not prevent other cities from adopting the modern, a state of affairs impossible under the present system.

The State would still have certain powers over municipalities, as in supervision of finances and in police powers. So much of the general laws as would be essential to safety, unity, and order of the cities would be reserved to the State.

The time has come when Virginia should also have municipal home rule. Our cities should no longer have to wait upon the pleasure of the General Assembly, but should possess the widest salutary latitude in ordering their own affairs and the utmost flexibility in altering their form of government. If the new form of government for Richmond had been drafted a year later than it was, it could not have gone into effect until 1915 because of its having to wait to secure legislative approval. Within their peculiar spheres, our municipalities should move unfettered by unnecessary restrictions. Self-government is just as vital to the growth of the city as it is to the life of the State.

## NEXT SUMMER'S MUSIC.

Summer heat and summer tedium have both been made more endurable for thousands of Richmond people by the season of band concerts in the parks. The crowds that attended every one of these outdoor musicales, and the enthusiastic appreciation of the director's endeavor to give them well-balanced programs that included both popular and semi-classic light music, of which there is such an abundance, must show that the small sum of money spent for this pleasure paid many hundred per cent dividends. These concerts are almost the only direct effort the city makes toward amusing and educating her people at the same time. Yet, the council showed such a small knowledge of what the taxpayer is willing his money should be spent for that the appropriation was almost lost. We believe it was cut from \$5,000 to \$2,000.

Now, therefore, while the memory of the happiness enjoyed on hot nights by tired and worn-out working men, by children, and by music lovers of all kinds, still remains fresh in mind, let the members of the Incoming Council and the candidates for the Administrative Board take counsel with themselves how next summer's music may be made more plentiful and more beautiful. The budget should contain a specific fund for this purpose, plans for the series and for the programs should be carefully made. It should be as much public business to give pleasure to the people as to give them water and gas. Is life nothing but mechanics? Let us count from now on upon a series of concerts, running from June to September. Let provision be made for outside attractions if necessary. Let the musical societies take a hand in working out programs and supplying solo features. Music for the people is worthy of all support.

To point the moral, here is a program of a concert given in Central Park, New York. True, New York is a great city, with an educated music class, and many foreigners who are alive to harmony. True, this is an orchestral concert. But it shows what ordinary people can be trained to enjoy.

"Star-Spangled Banner".....Mozart Overture—"Carmen".....Wagner Overture—"Carmen".....Gounod Overture—"Carmen".....K. Carter Overture—"Carmen".....Waldteufel Overture—"Carmen".....Chopin Violin solo—"Nocturne".....Chopin Fantasia—"La Boheme".....Puccini Invitation to the Dance.....Weber Polonaise from Suite No. 2.....Tchaikovsky "America".....

The Jacksonville Times-Union is most complimentary to Governor Mann. Governor Mann, of Virginia, refuses to heed the appeals from Chicago, and the negro girl convicted of murder will be executed. "Like appeals were made to him in behalf of a young white male degenerate. It seems that neither race nor sex can command immunity from the law." The governor of the same old Commonwealth that was the mother of Presidents who are statesmen.

In his consistently fast nation policy, our Chief Executive stands out in refreshing contrast to the South Carolina Governor, Col. Blease, who has in nineteen months set free eighty-four murderers and eight-thirty men slayers.

Apparently it takes very little to please South Carolina. The coal price investigation can start with one solid fact, the people pay what is asked because they have to burn the coal to keep alive.

Miss Maxie Reid has returned from a two weeks visit amongst relatives. It takes some folks a long time to get enough of their relatives. Art Moon says he never, never, never found as good a job as he had before he went to college.

On the spur of the moment. The marriage microbe is a bird that's hard to understand. The married man always asks the tall skyscraper for his hand. The man who's six feet in his socks will wed for good and all. Some maiden who is passing fair, but only four feet tall. The brilliant girl who takes the prize and outshines all the school. Is more than apt to cast her fate in marriage with some fool. The learned man who knows his books and has a sober mind. Most like weds the dullest young dame he can find. The prettiest of all the girls will wed some cross-eyed gink. Who doesn't look as though he knew enough to even think. The homely girl most likely hooks the handsome millionaire. The frivolous maid weds a man who's loaded down with care. The plump girl is apt to draw some old night owl's state. Who doesn't think that a clock is anywhere near late. The pastor of the church may draw a social butterfly. Who thinks more of her new fall hat than man's love up or him. The more you try to solve the thing, the less you really know. Philosophers all gave it up some centuries ago. The mystery is fatality, as much now as of yore. It's only human nature, pure and simple, nothing more.

## In the limelight.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are— Sweet sixteen or sixty-two, Bents all what make-up'll do. Grandmother or sweet young lass? Give it up, I'll have to pass. Billboards always call you "Miss." Though you are in wedded bliss. Big blonde wig and pink grease paint Make you see like you ain't. One old lady that I know, Married fifteen times or so. She is making quite a hit. Plain little Mrs. J. T. Her grandson is old Legree. And her youngest son, you see, He's played Uncle Tom for years. Seven daughters carried steers In the way "Evangeline." Twenty years ago I woen. All of which will go to show If some things you'd like to know, "Specially a woman's age. Never seek it on the stage."

## According to Uncle Abner.

No chain is stronger than the weakest link, but some sausage is. The most embarrassing misadventure is one which starts down at the back of the neck where the hat won't cover it.

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The woman who ain't happy unless she is miserable fills an important place in this world, after all, because she makes a lot of folks feel thankful that they are better off than she is.

If all the fellows spent as much time saving their money as they do saving their clear coupons there would be a lot more Pierpont Morgans in our midst.

There are lots of people that ain't never a particle alarmed about the future life when they are feelin' well. Generally the "crayin' need" of the heart is a kind of bottle. If every fellow could rate as he holds, we could have a different President in this country about every two days.

## How to be happy.

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## On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

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## QUERIES &amp; ANSWERS

Richmond Cemeteries.

Please tell me who control Hollywood and Oakwood Cemeteries. G. M. A. Hollywood is owned by the Hollywood Association. Oakwood belongs to the city.

## General Scott.

Please tell me when and where General Winfield Scott was born. June 13, 1782, at the Spot in Maryland near Petersburg, Va.

## Gazette.

Please give me spelling and definition of "razzabie." The word seems to have no dictionary standing except in the form "razzabie" in which it is said to be colloquial.

## Abe Martin

Does any one know the origin of our April Fool Day, or the date of the first observance? The sort of thing was almost universal among old nations. No one can say exactly what was the "origin" of our custom nor the time of the first observance.

## SLEMP DECIDES HE WILL ACCEPT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., August 29.—No word was received in Bristol today as to Congressman Slemp's view of the Republican convention's actions in re-nominating him over his protest. Delegates leaving here this evening were anxious for information. However, Bristol friends of Slemp say there can be no question but that he will accept.

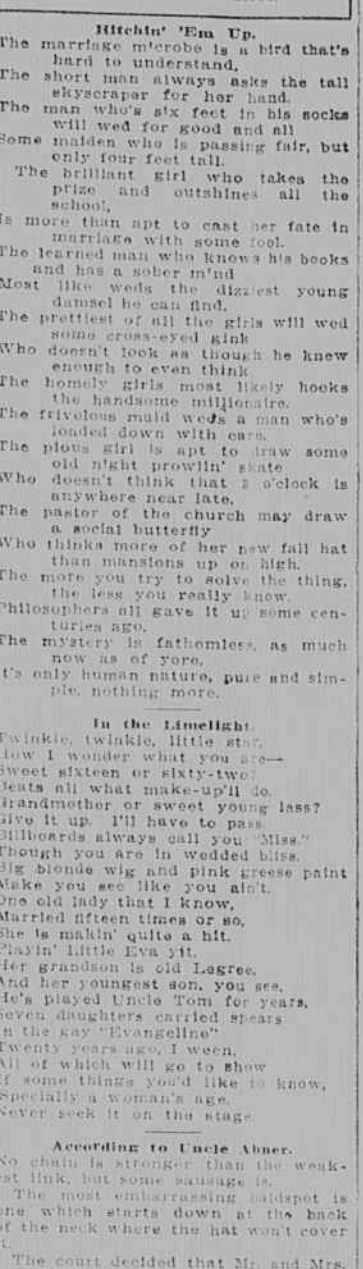
## Married at Washington.

A telegram was received in Richmond yesterday from Congressman Slemp, who is in Cincinnati, stating that it is his intention to accept the nomination.

## WILL THEY FORTIFY THE PANAMA CANAL FROM AEROPLANE ATTACKS?

By John T. McCutcheon.

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## BESET BY REBELS WHO THIRST FOR REVENGE

Mexican Troops Are Hurrying to Relief of Endangered Americans—U. S. Cavalry Preparing for Rush to the Border.

Washington, August 29.—The Mexican government has ordered Federal troops to hasten to a point between Hermosillo and Nogales, in the State of Sonora, for the protection of two Americans, Frank B. Curtis and Arthur Cunningham, who are being held by rebels thirsting for revenge. The Americans had been left in charge of a mining camp at El Oro and had killed several rebels in trying to protect the company's property from raiders. Army officers along the boundary line, fearful that the Mexican department from the information they gather from refugees fleeing from Mexico into America, the conditions in the Mexican State of Sonora are bad, and the same state of affairs exists in the northern western part of the State of Chihuahua. The War Department has about concluded that it will be necessary to strengthen materially the American border patrol on the western part of the line, and as General Steever has indicated that he probably will need more cavalry, the men are being gotten ready at Fort Riley, Kans., and Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., to entrain and proceed to Arizona and Southern California as soon as Steever gives the word.

## News of South Richmond

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## SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST LEION

Arrested While Waiting in Court to Be Called as a Witness.

As he sat in the Police Court yesterday morning waiting to be called as a witness in the case against Solomon Schwartz, charged with the betrayal of Miss Annie Caplan, Dr. Isaac H. Leion, of 1225 East Broad Street, was arrested by Detective Sergeant Bailey and Policeman Gerring on a warrant charging him with performing a criminal operation on the young woman. Though he expressed no surprise at the action of the officers, Leion warned them that it was a serious thing to nickname the character of a physician. He was taken to the First Police Station and later was bailed in the sum of \$2,000, with Patrick McDonough as his surety.

## Death of Mr. Wilkinson.

Mrs. Belle H. Wilkinson, of Chatham, Va., who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Stanley Hall, of 1300 Cedar Street, on the past few weeks, died yesterday afternoon at a hospital. She was sixty-one years old.

## Death of Duwood Bowen.

Lawwood Bowen, of West Sixth Street, died yesterday morning at his home. He was an elderly man, and had been ill for some time.

## Funeral of Mr. Waymack.

The funeral of Mr. Waymack, of 1300 Cedar Street, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in his home on Barton Avenue. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends.

## Police Arrests.

Matt Brown, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon for assaulting Robert Rags, colored, with a billiard cue in an altercation arising over a game of pool. Brown was taken to his home, where it was thought his injuries are serious. Dr. Butler dressed the wound.

## Married at Washington.

Mrs. Nollie, of Twelfth Street, reported to the police yesterday that her home had been entered the night previous and property valued at \$10 taken away. She was taken to her home, where it was thought his injuries are serious. Dr. Butler dressed the wound.

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